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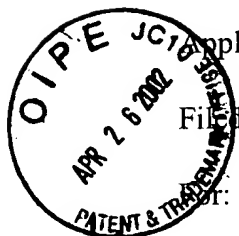
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Application No.: 09/606,763 Group: 1653

Filed: June 29, 2000 Examiner: Chih-Min Kam

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[X] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 9	\$
X	\$42	\$
+	\$140	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$18	\$
X	\$84	\$
+	\$280	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0



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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 20, 2001 in the above-identified application. Exhibit A accompanies this Amendment. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.